# THE HOMECOMING OF TAFT.

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

a new mark in official traveling. This he said literally instead of figuratively. journey is the second globe girdling tour has Mr. Taft. Certainly no other American official of rank has done so. Whether or not Mr. Taft will get the next Republican Provider that the country as congratulations back, but could not refrain from making anxious inquiries about the horse. lican Presidential nomination, he is yet | Washington is full of good stories about one of the most interesting figures in the Secretary Taft. He is a prime favorite present history-making epoch of the with the newspaper men, and they deworld. Few men in all the world stand clare that he can do more things at one out in bolder relief in the chronicles of and the same time than any other man Wahling, and names her executrix the day than does the American Secre- in public life. His hearty laugh is one of

when President McKinley called him out culties. But he can get mad upon occa into the arena of world politics. We had a baby left on our doorstep out in the Pacific Ocean, and that baby, named the Philippine Islands, needed a new nurse, Mr. McKinley believed Mr. Taft to be the pursue per complete the per complete the pursue per complete the per complete the pursue per complete the pe the nurse par excellence, and so he sent it is completely fulfilled, he was preaching him to the Orient. This trip ran his mile-age up to 8,909 miles. Then he came back bench has been within his reach, and Postmaster General Orders 7,555 Arage up to 8,998 miles. Then he tame back to the United States to testify before a twice he has let the opportunity pass, become committee. This doubled his mileage. Then he went back to Maas not yet fulfilled. nila by way of Rome and settled with the Pope the delicate question of the disposition of the friar lands in the Philippines. This gave him 21,564 miles more

and following it the Taft-Cupid trip to the article referred to: he had to pay the Cubans a call. Still ance with American public life and Amer- year. second official globe-trotting tour.

prowess even yet are told on the Yale who possessed all these qualities was contents of a department store.

getting a start in his profession. About this time a scandalous periodical appeared in Cincinnati, Its owner was worthless, and suits for libel could not remedy matters. But one day the sheet libeled the father of Mr. Taft. The latter went into the office of the editor and gave him such a licking as few menget, the salarices paid, short hours, and long vacations. To the true teacher, the paper at once suspended publication and its editor took to the tall timber. As Senator Forsker pits himself against Mr. Taft from this on he can reflect upon the changes that time brings to men. It

of Mr. Taft fall into an error. At least two of the most popular magazine writers of to-day have said that he never heid an elective office. This is not true. After he had filled the unexpired term on the bench he was a candidate for election to the same position for a full term, and was elected by a large majority. This was the only elective office Mr. Taft ever As a judge Mr. Taft always was more

interested in the spirit of the law than the letter, and his decisions are as often cited to-day as those of any other cir cuit judge who ever sat on the bench He was absolutely free from prejudice showing neither fear nor favor in his judicial role. In one instance ex-Presi dent Harrison was counsel in a case be fore him, and it was Harrison who had given him his position. Yet even the urgent request of the ex-President did not avail to have the case postponed when postponement was asked, as Judge Taft said he could see no good reason why the case should be further delayed.

Mr. Taft was once solicitor of the Treasury. He was so successful in his work in this position that his friends all urged him to return to private practice when he was tendered the Federal judgeship. They pointed out to him that with his reputation he could return to the prac tice of law and make a fortune, while the place on the bench would afford him little more than a livelihood. Mr. Taft made the characteristic reply that there are other rewards in this world beside

Judge Taft was a wearer of the judicial ermine for eleven years before he was sent by President McKinley to the Philippines. When he went there were prophets at home and abroad who pre-dicted that the jolly fat man from Cincinnati would fail in his mission. When the Americans in the Philippines met him and talked with him they thought what a pity it would be for him to have his utiful notions about the Filipines rudely upset. But the chance to say "I you so" never came to them, for Mr. Taft's theories worked out in a way that satisfied the Filipinos and everybody

The Spaniards in the Philippines got a rude shock when Secretary Taft began to entertain. The line between the Spaniard and the Filipino was as closely drawn by the Spantard over there as it is drawn between the white and black races in the United States. But Mr. Taft wiped it out. He entertained the Filipinos as freely as he did the Spanlards, and the Filipino women were invited to help Mrs. Taft receive. On one of their trips through the provinces they were invited to an official ball by the native presi-dente. Mr. Taft led off the intricate Spanish quadrille with the wife of th presidente, and made but a single misstep during the whole performance.

a province and said, through his interpreter, that if the native officials did not do their duty their official heads would be cut off instanter. The natives were modish flare. It is provided with a modish flare. It is provided with a flavor and dust ruffle and is altogether. Seven sizes, 22 to 34 inches, waist measure.

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A pattern of this may be obtained by linclosing 10 cents in stamps and addressing pattern Department, The Washington loathed balls), to garner as in a shear than the control of the control of

The homecoming of Secretary Taft sets observant Mr. Taft that they took wha When Secretary Taft was governor of and Ada E. Cook. he has taken, and if he had carried a the Philippines he was sick for some time, distance meter with him on all his trips and when he got well enough he took a Catherine M. Stafford, it is directed, shall through foreign lands while attending to trip to an outlying province, which enthe business of his government it would tailed a horseback ride of some length. register 100,000 miles. Perhaps no high He stood the trip so well that he cabled official of any government at any time the news to Mr. Root, who was then has traveled so far for his country as Secretary of War. Mr. Root cabled his

the most infectious in the country, and William H. Taft was a Federal judge he always laughs himself out of his diffi-

Perhaps the highest tribute that has been paid to any man in recent years was paid to Mr. Taft by Theodore Roosevelt Meyer, of Massachusetts, on Monday in a magazine article written just before next will held the most unique auction in Then he came back to be Secretary of Mr. Roosevelt was called to the Presi- the country, when 7,555 pieces of prop-War. His next trip was to get a first- dency. To say that a man possesses at erty which have been lost in the mails hand acquaintance with the Panama once the qualities which would make him and sent to the dead letter office will be Canal, and this added 4,362 miles to his a first-class President of the United placed on the block. score. The President had only a short States, and the attainments which would There will be knocked down to the After this came another trip to Panama, made to him to that effect. He says in 1,136 books, and 468 pieces of jewelry, rep-

campus, although he left there nearly Judge William H. Taft, of Ohio. The Why women persist in sending through

GIVES PROPERTY TO DAUGHTER Will of Honora A. Morrow Is Filed for Probate.

The will of Mrs. Honora A. Morrow, who died December 3, dated May 8, 1907. was filed yesterday for probate.

Lot 14, subdivision of square 435, near Seventh and E streets southwest, containing 2,256 square feet of ground, together with improvements, is devised to Robert R. Cooke, executor and trustee named to sell, and distribute the proceeds among the following daughters: Alice V. Cooke, Mary G. Tyler, Hattie Pittsnogle,

Smith and James L. Stafford. The residue of the estate is given to Mary O.

By will dated May 21, 1907, Mary Lucille Carpenter, who died December 8, devises to her mother, Mrs. Sarah Ann Carpenter, all her interest and claim in the premises at 1008 Twenty-fifth street, as well as all er personal property, and the mother is also named as executrix.

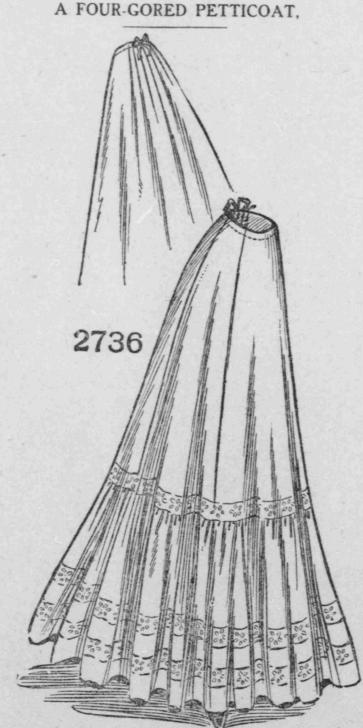
By will dated November 29, Essie Wahling, who died November 30, last, devises her entire estate to her sister, Mary Lula

ticles Lost in Mails to Be Sold Next Monday.

Postmaster General George von L.

time before requested him to take charge make him a first-class chief justice of the highest bidder pretty nearly everthing of the canal, and to devote to it the Supreme Court is to say that he possesses the mind of man could conceive, ranging spare time he did not have-with the about every good quality a man may from a nursing bottle and a man's odd "not" underscored by the Presidential have. And yet Theodore Roosevelt quotes rubber hip boot to a diamond ring. hand-and that was the way he did it. With expressed approval a statement There are 5,961 miscellaneous articles, resenting the articles lost in transit the Orient. Then Cuba got naughty and "A year ago a man of wide acquaint- through the post-cince during the past

another trip to Cuba, and the canal was ican public men remarked that the first Rings, gloves, corset covers, mufflers, puled off before Mr. Taft started on his governor of the Philippines ought to com- cigars, lawn hose, shoes, neckties, razors, bine the qualities which would make a everything apparently which has ever William H, Taft is a remarkable man. first-class President of the United States been manufactured, is listed in the cata-When he was in Yale he proved that a with the qualities which would make a logue of 200 pages, in which they are deboy can be an athlete and a student at first-class Chief Justice of the United scribed. To mention all the various arthe same time. Tales of Bill Taft's States, and that the only man he knew ticles would be like enumerating the



The woman who prefers to make her The upper edge of the garment is finished her father vanish. On another occasion Gov. Taft visited a province and said, through his interpreter, that if the native officials did not

own underwear will find the petticoat with a facing, in which a tape is run to

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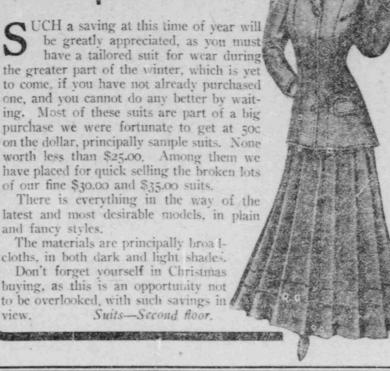
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# THE IRON LORD

By S. R. CROCKETT.

Author of "The Stickit Minister," "The Raiders," "The White Plume," &c.

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Synopsis of Previous Chapters,

browess even yet are told on the Yale campus, although he left there nearly thirty years ago. He was the champion heavy-weight wreather among the sons of Old Ell, and when it came to class misses when the property of the p

she needed an excuse for going. That did not in the least trouble her. When Mr. Emerson met "the fresh Rhodora in the week;" and decided evite corrections of the week; "but this is Saturday afterneon." the woods," and decided, quite correctly, that "if eyes were made for seeing, then Phil?" she said, smiling past the to-andbeauty was its own excuse for being," he fro wave of the broom branch before her settled Vida's case also. She had certainly dancing eyes.

Phil had come to the door now, and

less did the Rhodora-a plant of whose that meant, years and years ago. Yet, beauty we can only judge over here by though they did not know it, their fate, pictures and the faded desiccations of like that of many others who have as nuseums-just because some one had seen her where she was. The watcher was not formidable. He was not even look. Phil did not think of asking her to con not formidable. He was not even looking her way—an old man apparently, his stool, and the restive cane-chair on bending over a stick and letting himself which her father hat sat. Somehow that slowly down the mountain side. But seemed to be insufficient accommodation Vida waited till he had passed away be hind a clump of trees toward the Kirktown road. She breathed freely again pulled a primrose to stick in her dress surveyed it with her head on one side decided that it was too short in the surveyed it with her head on one side, decided that it was too short in the shank, besides which the color did not go with her complesion. Then she pulled a strand or two of the broom blossom with stalks that were long enough to be wagons on the unstable track. For Mr. Romer had used his influence to get a in her hand against the flies. It was too early in the year, really, for flies, but it looked nice, and one never knows when one may need a weapon of some sort. She was going to see Phil, since Phil had grown so cold—yes, and difficult. Well, perhaps, it had been her fault. It is not a bad thing to neglect your Phil a little on purpose. If he goes off and place with something or speech of

and plays with something or somebody else, then, if you care about him, it is time to take steps. And you will care about him as never before!

Perhaps that was why Vida's patience had been so long. Phil had only played with his mine.

Indeed, he was looking at his balance sheet when a certain shadow appeared among the trees by the window. It was a source of some considerable pride to the waterproof rug was-left behind!" him—this balance sheet. For the first time Phil had had enough to pay the men, without calling upon the check book

The old man had just been there. He had said some kind words-going his however, with a sigh, because he felt that the time of his little providence was drawing to a close. He would soon if all went well, be reaping where he had sown and gathering where he had strawed-operations with which he was suffi-ciently familiar for them to have lost all

But the figure, mounting higher on the sprinkled sunshine upon the long felio of paper which had earned the applause of Mr. Romer, startled Phil at his accounts. At last Vida was coming down the track of the sunbeams toward him. out of the pine alleys-the same into which he had, ten minutes before, seen She seemed a reward of merit. Joyous

gay, the light of afternoon misty and women luminous about her, Vida was transfigured to the eyes of the young man. She smiled at him through the panes of glass broke out.

-like the embodiment of a happier world. "Nothing

had come to see him, the yellow of the The story opens at the home of Jacob Romer, of Gorm House, on the Frith of Cantyre. He is a ship, owner and mine owner and very rich. Wanting to be rid of his wife, Caroline, he has intrusted the task in her hand, no more plant than her

Mr. Taft from this on he can reflect upon the changes that time brings to men. It was Gov. Forsker who gave Mr. Taft his first seat on the woolsack, by appointing him a judge of the Superior Court of Cincinnati to fill an unexpired future,"

ice. No profession, not even the Christian ministry, offers such an opportunity to influence lives as does teaching, for the was decided to have all the members pointing him a judge of the Superior Court of Cincinnati to fill an unexpired future,"

CHAPTER XXXVI—(Continued.)

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and indisputably the identical same ex-cuse for seeing and being seen.

Phil had come to the did not seem worth shake hards. It did not seem worth Still, at intervals she blushed, as doubt- while. They were all to each other than cended mountains, great and small, "stood

Besides, Phil had a delicate mind, and he did not consider the white pigeons which shoved and squabbled so disgracefully on the window-sills sufficient chap-

set in her belt, and recained a branch little railway line made to the nearest siding. Finally they came out on untouched cliffside under the lea of the big indigo-green pines.

"Oh, yonder's Rough Isle, and the bird cliffs!" Vida cried, clapping her hands.

Then she looked guiltily at him.

The most notable example is found in the choice of a man of eighty-five years range, a self-heating iron fed by charcoal,

busy. Besides-And he paused.

"Besides what?"

"Well, then," said Phil, gravely and gently as ever; "I don't come because

she knew instinctively that he would see through that just as easily. So she did method of retaining youth. not say it. It was no use (elling Phil (any more than to another girl) that the day was too warm and caim-that the rug growing tendency to be indolent, to avoid

face of the girl.

pretense of hiding, he led her to a felled set in his own ways," it is with sincere pine, upon which he often sat to meditate upon the uncertainty of things and taithful. But it is not comfortable to



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have years of experience to their credit or elderly men and women have shed housewives printed in the domestic magatheir shells, and are giving their young zines, good advice, but only possible to rivals a race that is worth while. On all sides we are seeing workers, who, a few solution was ago, would have been laid aside to make way for youth. Probably the carelessness and ignorance of youth have been expensive propositions to those with a from experience, for I have wasted tion in favor of older persons. . . . .

A little while they were wholly silent. meet with resistance when the business Then "What was that you said?" Vida is being keyed up to the changing standard of the times. He himself is ac-"Nothing!" said Phil, for whom the cumulating years, probably, and he has present possession of her hand was to make a mighty effort to keep pace enough-warm, soft, pleasant, and with younger competitors, and needs the not accustomed to American figures of speech, and pained looks and involuntary clutchings at their throats told the tary clutching throat target throats the target target target throats the target t

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POINT OF VIEW

realization of the value of workers who been expensive propositions to those who money in buying really useful things for depended upon them, for there is a reac- maids who thought they might use them

to head a large and important manuastily, "to go sailing out there:
"I am busy, as you see-Dick, too, is facturing company. The man is young like the instrument for removing eyes in every way save years, and his value from pineapples, and my housework is lies in his experience, ability, and love done precisely as the girl learned her "Besides what?"
"Oh, nothing."
"But I want to know—I will know."
cried Vida. "You have no right to keep these secrets from—an old friend?"
"Well, then," said Phil, gravely and gently as ever; "I don't come because the last time we went to the bird cliffs. the last time we went to the bird cliffs the waterproof rug was-left behind!"

The girl beginning with pront, even though it may not keep age at bay, as its exponent promises, for it is wholesome, but to lor-them. So if housework continues to be The girl had an answer, of course. But she knew instinctively that he would see with its infirmities is the only true it belongs, on the workers. When we

"Well, I did not want you to do it?" new and improved methods, and stick she said, showing the highest respect that a woman can to a man-which is, speak-sociation. All that means a rut so deep ing to him as to another woman. That is that falling in means remaining there, or the true Order (and motto) of the Garter.

"No?" queried Phil, with great thought-lose interest in the many turns of life. revelty. His kind friends of Incubus & fulness, but no complaint in the mono-to resent progress, and shut one's eyes to the advantages of new ways make "We are not babes any longer, you know!" she explained.

Phil looked about him solemnly, and then glanced once and quizzically at the appearance of age that employers wish to avoid. It is a reflection on their business.

"We are at least lost in the woods, you and L" he said. And, taking her hand, this time without waterproof covering or pense with the services of one who "is

with dread and aversion by those who not like to disturb them. I doubt if any One of two things has happened—either employers have suddenly come to a call for them. I adout it any one of the number would now wish to return to the tiresome old method of cash boys and girls and the incessant call for them. . . . .

but never did.

I have a flat-iron heater for a gas reach the point of standing in the way of improvements, we are really getting old The worst feature of old age is the and losing our value to the world



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